

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Here are some highlights of the last week in school.....  
From Ash Class:

This week Ash class celebrate completing their pop-up projects. It has been three weeks of trial, error and investigation to design and create these masterpieces, and we are very proud of the results! The Year 6's have learnt 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' on the handbells this week, which is sounding brilliant and again, has taken a lot of hard work to master. We have been reflecting on the last term; the children have achieved an amazing amount and have a lot to be proud of. From sporting success in football and netball tournaments, learning how to multiply and divide fractions, writing beautiful poetry and change stories, reading two fantastic novels - Wolf Brother and Cogheart, studying the Bronze, Iron and Stone ages in history, biomes and ecosystems in geography and forces and the human heart in science. It's been busy!



What else happened?

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Elm Class sang to a group of parishoners on Monday – reproducing their Nativity tunes brilliantly, to their credit and for the enjoyment of their audience; an event which was enjoyed enormously by everyone involved.

Last deliveries for our Christmas Post were made on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**; much excitement and gratitude were witnessed, some children having made their own cards, and all containing carefully crafted seasonal messages.

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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – The School Christmas lunch was held in the Village Hall and was magnificent not only because of the organisation and fine cooking, but also because of the way it was approached – in an enjoyable family atmosphere.

The class parties which followed were also great fun - with traditional games and music enjoyed by all.

It was lovely to see Santa in the Cedar grotto making sure every child received a present – really impressive because we all know he's quite busy at this time of year.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Today was the last day of term, and it was wonderful to see (and hear) so many of you join the children in the School Hall to sing some Christmas Carols; a fine celebration of Christmas to end 2022; thank you.

£63.30 Christmas Jumpers was raised for Save the Children Fund

Please remember that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 is a Teacher Training Day and therefore Term 3 commences on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

I would like to say thank you to all of you for your support during the time I have been at Coombe Bissett. Your good humour, your understanding, your support and enthusiasm have helped us all to not only to keep the School going, but to thrive, whilst maintaining the familiar feel. There are many things to be very proud of as we return to greater post-pandemic normality, but it is that feeling of being a community that is the most important. This is based on the enthusiasm and dedication of everyone involved with the School.

Thank-you to the children, who have been magnificent, both in their learning and relationships with each other, and who have really enjoyed every aspect of their schooling. Another huge thank you to the staff for all their energy, dedication and care for the children – they are superb. And finally, thank you to the Governors for their dedicated support and encouragement. Together, you are what makes Coombe Bissett such a wonderful School.

On behalf of everyone at Coombe Bissett Primary School, I wish you all a Peaceful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Mr L Coles –Acting Headteacher

### **Rewards this Week**

#### **A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards**

**Team Points** are awarded for work – for example whether it is particularly difficult, particularly challenging for a specific child, or whether they have demonstrated perseverance – stickatitability.

Each week's Team Point scores will be added to those of preceding weeks to make a cumulative score over the whole year.

**Green Cards** are based on school values (this term's is Belief) and will be awarded to children who show how they fulfil one of the targets on the card. Any member of school staff can award a Green Card to any child. The Green Cards are counted in two ways:

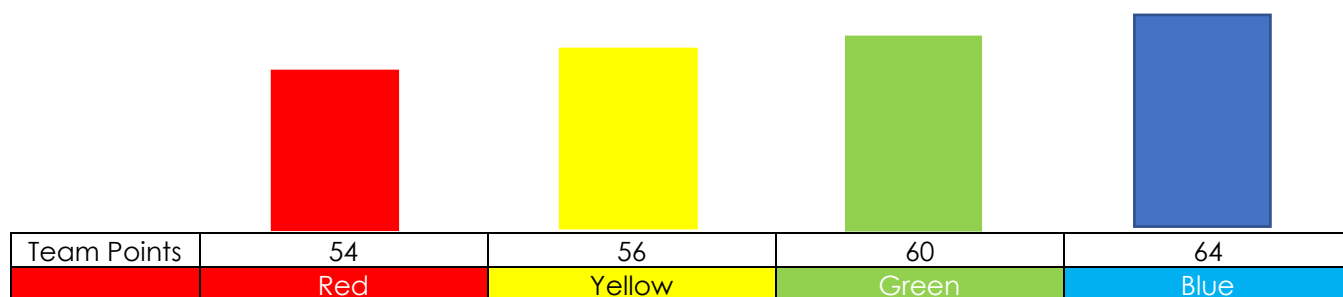
They are counted by House and added to the Team Point Scores, to see which house will get the House Trophy.

They are counted by Class each week to see which class will have a non-uniform day the following week.

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**Team Point Totals for this week:**


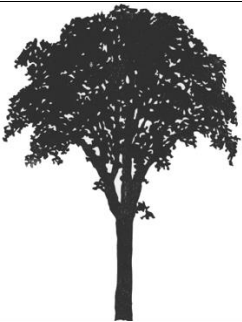


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular Congratulations to **Yellow House** – the winners this week with an amazing 194 points.



**Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far**

2279	2236	2184	2087
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

**Green Cards by Class**

			
25	31	11	50
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

**Congratulations to Ash Class who will have a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** (Please can children wear sensible clothing suitable for the school day.)

**Attendance figures for each class last week:**

Ash class – 85.7%

Fir class – 91.9%

Elm class – 93.8%

Oak class – 94.3%

Congratulation to **Oak class** who had the best attendance last week

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